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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: COMMENTS ON DOCKET 92-235

This is to express our concern about the potential impact of the above referenced docket on public safety radio users. It appears that it may have serious and costly effects nationwide on local emergency response systems.

1. It will require major, unnecessary changes to the public safety radio system, which ranks second in priority only to national defense in order to create additional **commercial** radio channels.

2. The implementation date of January 1, 1996 puts unrealistic demands on the public safety radio systems.

Coverage will be reduced due to new limits on power which will require additional equipment; however, additional equipment will have to meet new requirements for bandwidth **which will mean replacing all existing equipment because existing equipment is not compatible with the proposed bandwidth requirements.**

3. Coos County is a moderate-size county with 1,629 square miles, but it will not be possible to obtain the necessary coverage for our radio systems with reduced power.

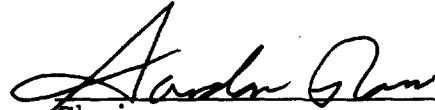
4. Coos County, with a population of 61,750 to serve and with severe local budget constraints, cannot realistically afford to purchase a new radio system by January 1, 1996.

We request that you delay implementation of this docket indefinitely and work with the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, Inc. (APCO) to develop a proposal that will serve the public interests in maintaining the most viable public safety radio system possible.

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Additionally, whenever the final product is implemented, a **reasonable time frame for implementation** needs to be provided so as not to create a negative impact on local government.

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